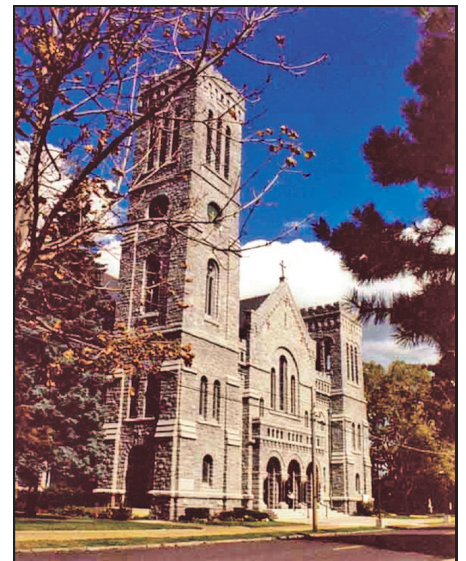


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel



DAILY MASS

Saint Patrick 8:00 AM

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Saint Hedwig 4:30 PM

Saint Patrick 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MORNING MASS

Saint Hedwig 9:00 AM

Saint Patrick 8:00 & 10:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

Anticipation

Saint Hedwig 5:30 PM

Holy Day

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday

Evening Mass or by appointment



Saint Hedwig Parish

Established 1910

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Saint Patrick Parish

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***For information on Baptism, Religious Education, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation,
Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. By placing this event at the end of the Christmas cycle of feasts, it gives us an opportunity to reflect on the manifestation of God in the person of Christ. Elements of the first

reading are embedded in the gospel where we hear the same sentiment ("with whom I am well pleased") addressed to Jesus as is here addressed to God's "servant" as "one with whom I am well pleased." Four sections of the Book of Isaiah are known as Songs of the Suffering Servant, poetic sections that pay tribute to a "chosen one" whose mission is to bring justice, but whose fidelity to God's will brings him great suffering. Today's liturgy clearly identifies that Servant as Jesus who saw his life as the fulfillment of these prophecies. In the final section of today's excerpt we no longer hear about a suffering servant but one who opens eyes, frees prisoners, etc.

In our second reading from Acts of the Apostles Peter will allude to Christ's baptism and presents Christ as THE sacrament of God to the world, the manifestation and implementation of God's will among his people. Peter understands that what Isaiah said would be accomplished through the suffering servant—Christ. A God given vision has brought Peter to the home of the gentile Cornelius, where he discovers that God plays no favorites. Formerly an adamant proponent of Jesus only for the Jews, Peter suddenly recognizes the error of his ways. Speaking to a gentile who, even before baptism, has received the gift of the Holy Spirit humbles Peter and colors his tone.

Already in Advent we heard John's self-abasement when he said, "One who is coming after me is mightier than I." Then he spoke to the crowds, today he speaks directly to Jesus, and yet Jesus submits to John's baptism. The early church saw conflict between Jesus's followers and those of John, whom some believed to be greater than Jesus. In that context, the baptism posed a problem for Jesus seems to be submitting to John as if he were greater. The dialogue between these cousins is Matthew's answer to the problem: Jesus did submit, but it was "to fulfill all righteousness" not to concede superiority. Jesus submits as did the suffering servant in the first reading, and thus the baptism established the servant character of Jesus's ministry. Matthew's account differs in significant ways from

Mark and Luke's accounts. In those accounts the voice from heaven speaks directly to Jesus (YOU are my beloved) in an intimate moment between Father and Son. But in Matthew, God addresses not Jesus but the crowd ("THIS is my beloved,") making the baptism more a manifestation of Jesus's true identity as God's Son and God's faithful servant. Since this baptism leads to the cross, perhaps the voice should sound like the voice that spoke to Mary years earlier: "Be not afraid. You have found favor with God."

"We do not live better when we flee, hide, refuse to share, stop giving and lock ourselves up in our own comforts. Such a life is nothing less than slow suicide." *Pope Francis in his encyclical The Joy of the Gospel.*

If any St. Patrick parishioner would like a statement of your donations for 2013 for income tax purposes, please call the main office and we will be happy to generate one for you.

We recently had an announcement in the bulletin to see if people would be interested in preparing a meal or two for a couple who have just had a baby and maybe don't have extended family in the area, or someone coming home from the hospital, etc. Abby Lechner had the idea because she and Matt recently had new twin daughters and she said how wonderful it was that people brought in some meals. Now I need to ask parishioners to notify the parish office when such a need arises so that we can bring in some meals. A new baby, coming home from the hospital, etc.

Bishop Persico has asked churches in the city to open facilities to accommodate the homeless during the winter months. We do not have a facility, but our neighbors at the Russian Church of the Nativity are opening their Parish Center Feb. 12-23 for the homeless and are looking for volunteers, hopefully from St. Patrick's and St. Hedwig's. Volunteers are needed to make/serve meals each night for about 40 people. Others are needed to take shifts at the center from 7-11PM, 11PM-3AM and 3-7AM each night. Volunteers will have a training session and will be supervised at all times. An informational session will be held Wed., Jan. 29 at 6 PM at the church Social Center Call Daria Devlin at 460-5387 or daria@churchofthenativity.net.

From the Pastor's Desk continued.....

I'm happy to tell you that 7 of our parishioners helped with the December homeless week. The total number of homeless people (individuals and families) in Erie County increased 39% between 2012 (731) and 2013 (1,195). The total number of homeless children in Erie County increased 50% between 2012 (128) and 2013 (255). Transition and mobility is a risk factor related to youth who belong to families who move frequently. It is correlated with juvenile delinquency, truancy, substance abuse and depression. Youth in the city of Erie have an elevated risk factor score that is higher than Erie County, that of the state of Pennsylvania and the entire USA (Source: PA Youth Survey).

Someone asked recently if there were people interested in forming a Bible Study Group. If you are interested, please call the office and leave your name.

Last February I invited all of the special ministries (lectors, Eucharistic ministers, choir, ushers, greeters) to the rectory for a drink and heavy finger food. This year, rather than have one event for everyone, we are breaking it down into the individual ministries and are inviting the ministers as well as their spouses to join for an evening. I've already had the group in who care for and clean the stations, next is the choir and then the lectors.

Kevin walked into the doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. "Shingles," he replied, so she wrote down his name, address, medical history, insurance number and told him to have a seat. Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aid came out and asked Kevin what he had.

"Shingles," he replied, so she wrote down his height, weight, medical history and told Kevin to wait in the examining room. A half hour later, a nurse came in and asked Kevin what he had. "Shingles," he replied again, so she gave him a blood test, electrocardiogram and told Kevin to remove his clothes and wait for the doctor. An hour later, the doctor came in and found Kevin sitting patiently in the nude and asked Kevin what he had. "Shingles," said Kevin. "Where?" the doctor asked? "Outside on my truck. Where do you want me to unload them?"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Robert Niedzwiecki** requested by his grandchildren, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Wanda Damico** requested by the Juchno family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robbie Robison** requested by his son, Russell Robison Jr. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for Christmas was **\$1,800.00**; for the weekend of December 29th offertory was **\$1,200.00**; and the weekend of January 5, 2014 was **\$871.00**. Thank you for your generosity and God bless.

Mark Your Calendars Now

L'Arche Erie presents L'Asagna Tasting, Sunday, February 23 from 1 until 4pm. Local restaurants, auction prizes from local restaurants & attractions, live music, desserts, cash bar at the Concourse of Union Station, 121 West 14th St. Presale tickets \$15.00 (\$20.00 at the door). Phone 452-2065

The Baptism of the Lord

Is there any connection between the Baptism of the Lord and my own personal Baptism?

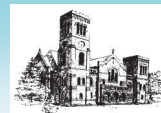
Yes there is! When a person is Baptized, Christ Himself **Assimilates** or joins you to Himself. This union makes them adopted sons and daughters of His Eternal Father and sharers in union with, through Jesus. A sharing in this type of union is called sharing "God's Life" or **Grace**. God keeps the union from His side by **dwelling within our souls through the Holy Spirit**. You and I keep union from our side by our **wills and our willpower aided by God** i.e., staying in a "State of Grace". To stay in state of grace, we must say "no" to many sinful urges and temptations...and in this way, we could say that doing so is a continuation of what was started at Jesus' Baptism and continued right up to the Cross.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>January 18</u>	<u>January 19</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Dolly Bargielski	Art Blum
Eucharist	Dolly Bargielski	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Roland Henderson	Tom Zielinski
	Ray Nowosielski	Sharon Zielinski
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for Christmas was **\$28,565.00**; December 29th was **\$6,377.82**; and January 5th was **\$7,992.50**. For that same time period we had **\$1,267.00** from on line giving. Thank you for your generosity.

Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parish who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or home-bound.

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose honor the donations were made: The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Vicki Intrieri** requested by Dave and Joan Heubel: The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Ave Maria Care & Concern Society**; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Geraldine Pastore Savilla** from Donald & Janice Pastore, in memory of **Msgr. James Peterson** from William J. Carney, in memory of **Joe McClellan** from Marilyn McClellan, in memory of **Richard Romanowicz** from Mary,

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Dailey, Carol Habas,
Kathy Sertz

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers: Cyndi Pristello, Tom Golab,
Charla Leemhuis

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,
Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan

The February schedule is being prepared. Please let us know your availability. Also, anyone who is leaving us to seek warmer climates, please let us know. Call the office at 454-8085, ext. 1. Thank you for your part in this ministry!

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Be vigilant: It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant—that we always observe the behaviors of those who interact with children. We must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this mean communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them—at every opportunity. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out:

<http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reading II: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



In today's Gospel we read about the profound religious experience Jesus had at the river Jordan. Jesus became aware at his baptism that his heavenly Father was very pleased with him, that he belonged to God as his Son, and that it was now time to begin his mission. And that is what he did. His baptism inaugurated his mission and he embraced it wholeheartedly. The disciples initially felt that their mission was to the Jewish people, but after Jesus' resurrection, it became clear to them that God is the God of all humankind. And our baptism is meant to draw us into this global awareness, that we are a world-wide community of believers and doers. In living out our baptism call to a wide embrace, we sacramentalize in our actions our belief that God is the God of all people. It is about treating all people with respect, dignity, and love. That was Jesus' mission. That is our mission.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased," are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.





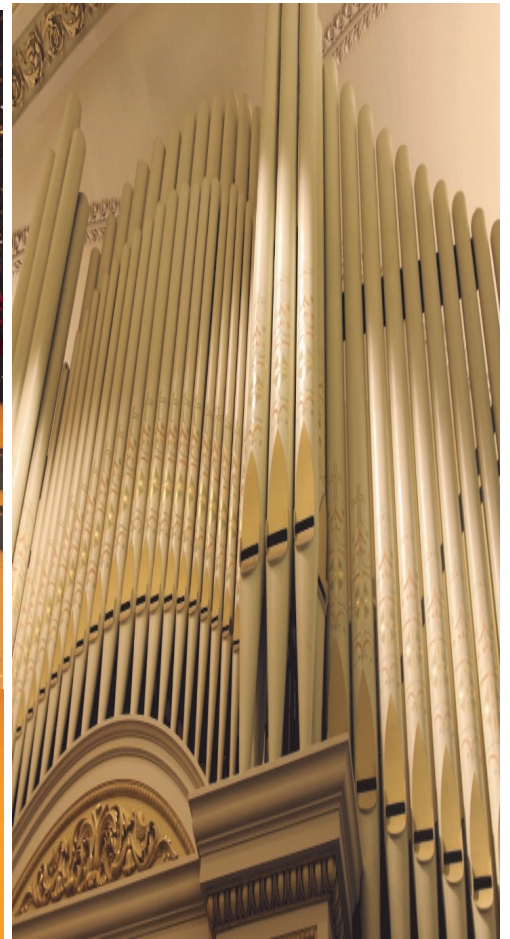
CHRISTMAS
AT
SAINT PATRICK'S
2013













LITURGY INTENTIONS**Jan. 11** *Saturday, Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord*

4:30 PM DOLLY BERDIS (BROTHERS & SISTERS) - ST.H

5:00 PM DAN MURRAY (JIM & KATHY SERTZ) - ST.P

Jan. 12 *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 AM LIL MARINCE (JANET BEDNARO) - ST. P

9:00 AM JENNIE PAZDZIESZ - ST.H

(WANDA & JOE HABAS)

10:30 AM ROLAND (CHIC) & GERALDINE CIACCHINI,

(DECEASED, WEDDING ANNIV.) - ST.P

(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)

Jan. 13 *Mon. St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 14 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM TESSIE KOLODZIEJCZAK, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

(DAUGHTER, ANN)

Jan. 15 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BERNARD KUTZ (THE TORBIC FAMILY)

Jan. 16 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM SOPHIE CRABB, ANNIV. 01/09 (SISTER, VIKI)

Jan. 17 *Friday, St. Anthony, Abbot*

8:00 AM ST HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Jan. 18 *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV - ST.H

(WIFE & CHILDREN)

5:00 PM ISABEL BOEH (MARY DUDENHAFFER) - ST.P

Jan. 19 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV (WIFE, ANGIE) - ST.P

9:00 AM CAROL KURPIEWSKI - ST.H

(HUSBAND, TOM & FAMILY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary

CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons

PR=Pascal Room, R=Rector, CV=Convent

01/11 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/12 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

01/14 11:00 PM Food Pantry - PR**01/15** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**01/18** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

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ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER:

Next to your own wedding day, Engagement Encounter is a weekend you will never forget! EE still has a few openings for its January 24th-26th weekend at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814.824.1261 to register. Space is limited; register today! Interfaith couples are encouraged to apply.

NEED PRAYERS?

Please call **Mary Alice Hartwell** at **454-5908** to have your prayer intentions placed on our joint parish prayer wheel. Please be assured that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rector